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BACHELOR OF ARTS (SOCIAL SCIENCE), YEAR 4

FINAL EXAMINATION PAPER: MAY 2014

TITLE OF PAPER: LOCAL GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION

COURSE CODE: PA 406

TIME ALLOWED: THREE (3) HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS: 1. ANSWER ANY FOUR (4) QUESTIONS

2. ALL QUESTIONS CARRY EQUAL MARKS OF TWENTY FIVE (25) EACH

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1. What is decentralization? Examine five major reasons for decentralization within states.
2. Examine the characteristics of the classical model of devolved local government. Illustrate your answer with examples.
3. Examine the role and function of councillors and staff in a typical local authority in Swaziland or any other country of your choice.
4. Examine central-local government relationships with the aid of any two models of your choice. Illustrate your answer with examples.
5. With reference to central-local government relations and relevant legislation, discuss the reasons for central government control over local government and explain the following control measures:
 - Ministerial Approval
 - Default Powers
 - Inspection
 - Judicial Control
 - Legislative control
6. Fiscal decentralization deals with the financial aspects of local government and the measures for expanding revenue from the various sources and increasing expenditure powers. Discuss
7. Examine the relevance of traditional authorities in the management of public affairs at the community level and in governmental structures in the African countries that you are familiar with.
8. Examine the nature, strengths and weaknesses of the decentralization programme that was initiated by the government of Swaziland.